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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
KAUNDA.

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AMBASSADOR LOW HAS TRANSMITTED
THE THREE LETTERS WHICH HE RECEIVED FROM YOU ON
OCTOBER 16. I GREATLY APPRECIATED THE POINTS YOU MADE.
I ALSO APPRECIATED THE WARM AND ENCOURAGING WORDS YOU
RESERVED FOR THE ROLE WHICH WE HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO
PLAY AND I FULLY ACCEPT THE REASONS YOU ADVANCE FOR NOT
MAKING FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT.

3. "WITH RESPECT TO RHODESIA, I, TOO, ATTACH GREAT
IMPORTANCE TO THE ROLE WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MUST
PLAY IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND IN RHODESIA BEFORE FULL
MAJORITY RULE AND INDEPENDENCE ARE ACHIEVED. I AM
ENCOURAGED BY THE STEPS WHICH THE BRITISH HAVE TAKEN TO

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DATE AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THEIR PURPOSE. I BELIEVE,

HOWEVER, THAT THE PRECISE NATURE OF BRITAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN RHODESIA, DURING THE GOVERNMENT OF TRANSITION, WILL BECOME CLEAR ONCE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE HAS COME CLOSER TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE STRUCTURE AND DUTIES OF THE

TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. WE INTEND TO FOLLOW THE GENEVA TALKS CLOSELY AND WILL BRING OUR INFLUENCE TO BEAR WHEN REQUIRED. I COUNT ON STAYING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU AND WILL RELY HEAVILY ON YOUR ADVICE IN THIS MATTER. HAVE YOU ANY SPECIFIC IDEAS IN MIND AT THIS TIME?

4. "CONCERNING NAMIBIA, I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT ALL THE CONDITIONS FOR A SOLUTION EXIST AND THAT WE ARE WITHIN SIGHT OF A BREAKTHROUGH. AS I TOLD YOU PRIVATELY AND HAVE COMMUNICATED TO NO ONE ELSE, I HAVE ASSURANCES THAT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS WILL BE RELEASED. IT IS MY IMPRESSION THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WILL DO SO AT THE TIME A CONFERENCE ON NAMIBIA IS CONVENED. I ALSO HAVE ASSURANCES THAT NO DEATH SENTENCES WILL BE CARRIED OUT. YOU MAY WISH TO USE THIS INFORMATION WHEN YOU MEET SWAPO'S PRESIDENT, SAM NUJOMA.

5. "THE SUBJECT OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN NAMIBIA IS A SUBJECT FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. WE WILL USE OUR INFLUENCE TO MAKE SURE THAT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS ARE NEGOTIATED. I COUNT ON YOU TO LET ME HAVE ANY FURTHER SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ON A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT.

6. "I UNDERSTAND A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE INTRODUCED ON OCTOBER 18 IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVE STATE OF THE NAMIBIAN NEGOTIATIONS, THE UNITED STATES WILL VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION WHEN IT COMES TO A VOTE ON OCTOBER 19. GIVEN SOUTH AFRICA'S WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM AND THE CONCESSIONS SOUTH AFRICA IS PREPARED TO MAKE, THE CALL FOR SANCTIONS, NOW, COMES AT THE WORST POSSIBLE TIME. THE UNITED STATES WILL BE ON FIRM GROUND WHEN WE VOTE AGAINST SANCTIONS. WE HAVE IMPOSED AN ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, HAVE LONG RESPECTED IT AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

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7. "DURING MY STAY IN LUSAKA, I INTRODUCED YOU TO MY CLOSE CONFIDANT AND ADVISER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY REINHARDT. HE WILL BE IN NAIROBI AS HEAD OF OUR UNESCO DELEGATION AT THE END OF OCTOBER AND DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF NOVEMBER. I AM PREPARED TO SEND HIM TO LUSAKA AT ANY MOMENT YOU WISH TO CONTINUE OUR CONSULTATIONS ON NAMIBIA OR RHODESIA AND, IN ANY CASE, HAVE

ASKED HIM TO VISIT YOU BEFORE HE RETURNS TO THE UNITED STATES.

8. "AS I LOOK BACK OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS, I AM DEEPLY AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE PROGRESS, WHICH HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT OF THESE DIFFICULT ISSUES, WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED WITHOUT YOUR INVALUABLE LEADERSHIP, WISE ADVICE AND UNSWERVING SUPPORT. YOU HAVE MADE A CONTRIBUTION OF HISTORIC DIMENSIONS TO THE FUTURE OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND AFRICA. IT HAS BEEN MY DISTINCT PLEASURE TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH A STATESMAN OF SUCH VISION AND ACCOMPLISHMENT AND I COUNT ON CONTINUING OUR ASSOCIATION IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS AHEAD.

9. "WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER." KISSINGER

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